REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were in the application. Prosecution on the merits has been closed under Ex parte Quayle.

The Examiner has requested that the phrase "The invention concerns" be removed from the Abstract. This requirement was made in the office action mailed August 10, 2006. With its response of November 8, 2006, applicant furnished a new abstract in compliance with the requirement.

The Examiner has objected to grammatical informalities in claim 1 which have herein been corrected.

Objection has also been made to claim 10 as being in improper dependant form for not further limiting the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant has been requested to correct the impropriety, inter alia, by rewriting the claim in independent form. Accordingly, claim 10 has been amended to independent form and independent claim 13 has been newly added. New claim 14 depends from claims 10 and 13 and adds the limitations of claim 2.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Any unpaid fee required to keep this case alive may be charged to deposit account 06-0735.

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